

grade and pave or repair the pavement of the said sidewalks in front of his lot or premises, for the space of two months after notice has been given them by the mayor or street commissioner, hereinafter provided for, requiring the same to be done, the mayor and common council may direct said street commissioner to cause the same to be done at the expense of the owner of said lot, which expense shall be a lien on said lot of ground till paid, and may be recovered from said owners by said mayor and common council as other debts of like amounts are recoverable in this State by law; they may also require the owner of the lots of ground fronting on either side of the street graded and paved as aforesaid, to pay two-thirds of the expense incurred in grading and paving the same, to be apportioned among them by the mayor and common council, payable whenever said work shall be finished; such apportionment to be in proportion to the front feet of said lots owned by them, respectively; and whenever payment thereof is refused, the mayor and common council may recover the same by law, in the same manner as other debts of like amount are recoverable in this State; the remaining one-third of said expense shall be paid by the mayor and common council out of the taxes levied upon the citizens generally.

1874, ch. 843

229. Whenever they think the public interest requires it, they may cause an assessment to be made of all property in the city, real, personal and mixed, which is subject to assessment for county and State taxes under the laws of this State; and they may prescribe the manner in which such assessment shall be made; and provide for hearing appeals and adjusting all differences in valuation and disputes in relation to such assessment; make transfers and abatements, and do all other acts and things necessary for making and completing such assessment.

Ibid.

230. They shall also appoint a suitable person to be street commissioner in said city, and fix his compensation, whose duty it shall be to superintend the grading, paving, repairing, keeping in order, and opening streets, lanes and alleys in said city, and the removing of obstructions therefrom; taking care of and